

**Gerald Schwab**  
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Born Gerd Abraham Schwab in Freiburg, Germany on February 19, 1925

1933 boycott - family moved to Basel, Switzerland, then St. Louis, France

Late 1934 - moved to Loerrach, Germany   Conditions worsened  
Father taken to Dachau for 1 month

April 1939 - Gerald on Kindertransport to Britain, then to Zurich

Lived with 2 different families in Moench - Altdorf, Switzerland

May 10, 1940 - family got visas, went to Genoa

May 27, 1940 - arrived in US   lived in New Jersey

Mid 1944 - joined US Army, combat in northern Italy, 10th Mountain Division of 87th  
Regiment, E Company

After war - US Detailed Interrogation Center in Gmunden, Austria - interpreter for  
medium level VIP prisoners

May 1946 - to Nuremberg as civilian - translated for Max Juettner, head of Nazi SA

Translated at Cherche-Midi prison, France

Berlin Documentation Center - met Nagorka, clerk who brought Herschel Grynszpan  
in to Ernst vom Rath, became interested, interviewed de Moro-Giafferri,  
French defense lawyer for Grynszpan

Fall 1947 - University of Chicago, to Stanford to research for book

Worked for State Department which, in 1953, wanted changes to book regarding  
Georges Bonnet and his collaboration with the Germans, interviewed  
Guenter vom Rath, Ernst's brother in 1980

Book published in 1990 - "The Day The Holocaust Began - The Odyssey of  
Herschel Grynszpan"

Also wrote book - "OSS Agents in Hitler's Heartland"

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